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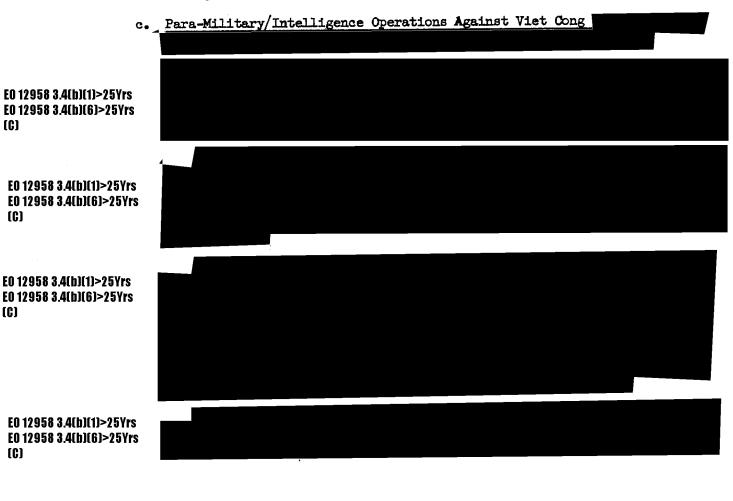
## STATUS REPORT ON

COVERT ACTIONS IN VIETNAM (Keyed to 28 November Report)

1. a. Montagnard (Highlander) Program:

Two additional decentralized defense areas have been established in Ban Me Thuot.

b. No significant change.



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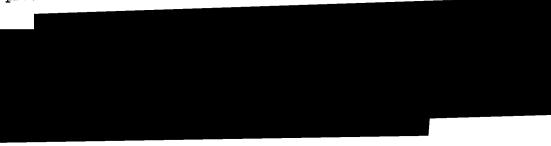


Another Clandestine Action company (approximately 130 men) have completed airborne training.

d. Central Intelligence Organization:

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- 7. Other Activities:

The Catholic youth in Ba Xieng successfully fought off several VC attacks. The youth were assisted by VNAF air strikes which were requested

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by Vietnamese Special Forces teams operating in the area.

Arms and ammunition have been delivered to the villages of Rach Trang and Phan Rang.

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Sixty-one (61) men from the Phan Rang area have begun a four-week training program. The men were sent to the training area by

Civic Action teams,

were transferred to Chuon

Thien Province to organize strategic hamlets.

A CAS unilateral asset reported that the Director General of Information has been assigned the responsibility for training clandestine intelligence

and political action teams using village youth.

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